

**TRI-CITY LHRC**  
Approved Minutes  
November 17, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Central State Hospital  
23617 W. Washington St., Bldg. 43  
Petersburg, VA 23803  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT (Sub-Committee)**

Danielle Hunt – Chairperson

Laurel Borrel – Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Juanita Coleman - Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brandon Charles – Facility Advocate Manager

Tony Davis, MS – DBHDS Human Rights Advocate

Lala Green – DBHDS Human Rights Advocate

Riley Curran – DBHDS Human Rights Advocate

Gail Burford – Western State Hospital

Dr. Alexander Munjal – Western State Hospital

Jennifer Barker – Central State Hospital

Jennifer Spangler – Member of the Public

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:20 PM The meeting was called to order by Danielle Hunt.

**ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE**

Introductions were made and the attendees were welcomed by Danielle Hunt.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

At 6:24 PM A motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Laurel Borrel to postpone the approval the agenda until the next quarterly meeting due to convening as a sub-committee. All members unanimously voted “Yes” to pass the motion to postpone the agenda approval.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

At 6:25 PM A motion was made by Danielle Hunt and seconded by Laurel Borrel to review the minutes from the past two meetings during the next quarterly meeting when all members are present to vote. All members unanimously voted “Yes” to pass the motion to postpone the approval of past meeting minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **ADVOCATE REPORT**

Tony Davis, Human Rights Advocate presented the Advocate's report.

- Quarterly ANE and complaint statistics
- Summary of current Variances
- Updates
- Upcoming Events

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Review of a previous WSH restriction was postponed for review by Danielle Hunt until the next quarterly meeting due to convening as a sub-committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS: CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:39 PM Danielle Hunt motioned, and seconded by Laurel Borrel, to convene in closed session, and the sub-committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of restrictions. The sub-committee heard the following business:

- WSH Telephone Restriction DH – 6:40 PM
- ESH Capacity Evaluation Objection – 6:50 PM
- PGH Phone Restriction EB – 7:05 PM
- PGH Next Friend EB – 7:17 PM
- PGH Phone Restriction RM – 7:32 PM
- PGH Phone Restriction BC – 7:40 PM

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

At 7:50 PM Upon a motion made by Danielle Hunt and seconded by Laurel Borrel, and unanimously approved by all members in attendance, the sub-committee returned to open session. Each member then certified, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session, namely, to review an Individual's restrictive plan and Next Friend request.

At 7:51 PM Danielle Hunt moved to approve the WSH Telephone Restriction, PGH Next Friend, and PGH Telephone Restrictions (3) without recommendations, and it was seconded by Laurel Borrel. The restrictions were approved by the sub-committee and will receive final review at the next quarterly LHRC meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS (Open Session)**

At 7:52 PM Jennifer Barker presented a review of the newly SHRC-approved variances for Central State Hospital. Jennifer Barker presented a breakdown of how the variances

affect the individuals, and data indicating the number of complaints/appeals made during the last 6-months in the Maximum-Security building.

At 8:00 PM Tony Davis polled the committee about revising the LHRC meeting time for 2023, and also presented the new meeting dates for 2023. The dates presented were 2/16/2023, 5/18/2023, 8/17/2023, and 11/16/2023. The committee decided to continue meeting at 6:00 PM for all meetings in the Advocate's office at Central State Hospital. Brandon Charles explained the reasons for adding an additional meeting to the 2023 meeting calendar. The committee agreed to include an additional meeting, if needed, during 2023.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

At 8:07 PM Danielle Hunt declared the meeting adjourned. Tony Davis reminded the Members and attendees of the next meeting date of February 16, 2023, at 6 PM, Central State Hospital in the Advocate's office.

# **Advocate Report, Facilities, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

## **Quarterly ANE and complaint statistics**

For the quarter ending 9/30/2022:

- There were 147 total complaints involving allegations of abuse/neglect/exploitation and 26 of these cases were substantiated.
- There were 253 human rights complaints and 26 of these cases were substantiated.

## **Summary of current Variances for Facilities**

- Central State Hospital has 4 variances all of which were approved by the SHRC on 11/3/2022 to continue for another 3 years. There are no new variances pending.
- Western State Hospital has 2 variances which expire in 2024. There are no variances currently pending.
- Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents had 1 variance which was set to expire in 2023; however, the individual was discharged this past May. There are no variances currently pending.
- Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation has 2 variances which will expire in 2024. There are no variances currently pending.

## **DBHDS Updates**

**Behavioral Health Commission** – The Behavioral Health Commission met in October. DBHDS Deputy Commissioner for Facility Services Angela Harvell provided an update on the current state of Virginia's state hospitals. The Commissioner was asked to present a preview of the findings and recommendations of the HHR Secretary's Workgroup on Alternative Custody Arrangements. The report on the Secretary's workgroup is expected to be released soon. It will contain important recommendations on how we can improve the experiences for people currently waiting (an average of over 43 hours!) for a temporary detention bed, and on ways to relieve the strain on law enforcement, who has custody during those long wait periods. The report will also detail ways Virginia can increase its bed availability. These presentations the BH Commission website.

**Virginia Network of Private Providers (VNPP)** – In October, the Commissioner presented at the VNPP Fall Conference along with DMAS Director Cheryl Roberts. Many other DBHDS staff were invited to share their expertise as well. It was a pleasure spending time with this group and learning how we can better support their critical efforts across Virginia.

**Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute (NVMHI)** – The Commissioner wanted to share a great report from NVMHI: On Saturday, October 8, NAMI held their annual "NAMI Walks Your Way" event in Northern Virginia. A group from NVMHI gathered in the morning (accompanied by family and friends) to build community awareness and raise funds for NAMI's amazing programs. The NVMHI team stuck together throughout the event and loved the chance to get to know their coworkers better. The NVMHI

walkers even encountered colleagues from other mental health agencies in Northern Virginia, a great reminder that even if we work at different places, we are all working toward one common goal!

#### News Articles

- [Virginia is accelerating social worker licensing process](#) By Patsy Montesinos, WDBJ, October 28, 2022
- [States Struggle With Pushback After Wave of Policing Reforms](#) By Denise Lavoie, Tatyana Monway and Juliette Rihl, Associated Press, October 31, 2022
- [Virginia receives nearly \\$1.4 million grant to improve mental health services](#) By Crystal Graham, Augusta Free Press, October 28, 2022
- [Disabled kids fighting school placements 'almost always lose.' Va. suit says](#) By Justin Wm. Moyer and John D. Harden, Washington Post, October 30, 2022
- [Clarke supervisors to lawmakers: Improve Virginia's mental health system](#) By Mickey Powell, Winchester Star, October 28, 2022
- [New behavioral health wing at Bradley Free Clinic helps meet rising demand for mental health services](#) By Randy Walker, Cardinal News, October 28, 2022

Any of the above news article links can be emailed to you by the Advocate.

<b>Thursday 11/17/2022 2</b>	10:00a- 12:00p	Investigating Abuse & Neglect: An Overview for Community Providers  <i>This training is designed as an overview of the investigative process, specific to the investigation of abuse and neglect.</i>  <a href="#"><u>REGISTER HERE</u></a>
<b>Thursday 12/8/2022</b>	9:30a – 12:30p	The Human Rights Regulations: An Overview  <i>This training is designed to provide the learner an in-depth review of the Human Rights Regulations. Providers will increase their understanding of the Office of Human Rights processes and the responsibilities of the provider as mandated by the Human Rights Regulations.</i>  <a href="#"><u>REGISTER HERE</u></a>
<b>Tuesday 12/13/2022 2</b>  <b>FACILITIE S ONLY</b>	10:00a – 3:00p	Facility Investigation Training (FIT)  <i>This training is designed for new and seasoned facility investigators alike. The training will cover human rights processes, the DI 201, and investigative process.</i>  <a href="#"><u>REGISTER HERE</u></a>

#### 2022 SHRC Meetings

The SHRC will be meeting on the following remaining date in 2022. For details regarding meeting information, please reach out to your assigned Advocate. You are always welcome to attend open sessions of the SHRC meeting.

December 8, 2022

### **LHRC Trainings**

We have started conducting quarterly virtual LHRC trainings for our assigned LHRCs. The trainings are recorded so that LHRC members can access the trainings and take competency tests to ensure they reviewed and understood the materials. Your advocate team is happy to provide you with continued training dates during the upcoming year!